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Invite Family and Friends to Enjoy the Holiday With You!

Memorial Day Traditions in Orwigsburg Last All Day

Memorial weekend and the holiday itself in beautiful and historic Orwigsburg cannot be matched by any community in the region. Steeped with patriotism and tradition, invite your family and friends to enjoy the day here with you.

Enjoy a meal at any one or more of our fine restaurants. Take a stroll on Centre Square and take in the monuments, Lions iconic clock, and Bicentennial Park. Plan a visit to the remodeled Veterans Community Memorial Hall, trek the walking trail through the recreation complex and nature trail of serene Albrights Woods. Wet a fishing line in Fisher's Dam. There's so much to see and do ... all within walking distance.

Cemetery volleys and parade

The town's VFW Honor Guard contingent vis-

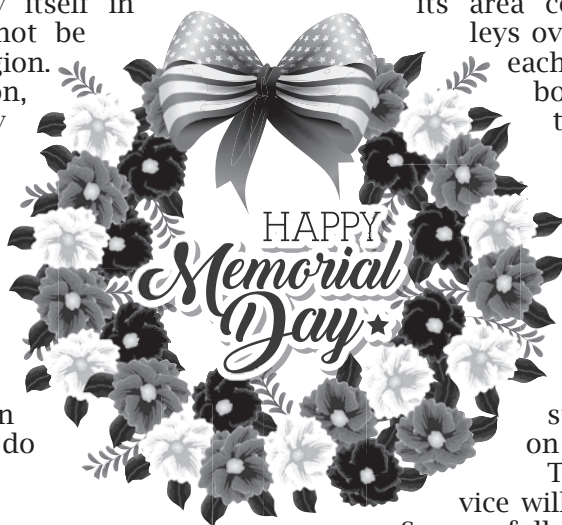
its area cemeteries and fires volleys over veterans laid to rest at each. Family members, neighbors and friends line the town square and along the parade route to herald town and regional dignitaries, members of the American Legion and VFW, civic and social organizations, emergency services, and others marching in order to honor the day. The parade steps off at 8 a.m. this year on Monday, May 27.

The Memorial Day service will again be held on Centre Square following the parade amidst the many monuments honoring all service personnel who served this country in time of war.

Continuing the annual tradition, the Orwigsburg Lions Club will fire up its barbeque pits, cooking half-chickens on the spot and serving up a full meal indoors at the beautiful Veterans Community Memorial Hall at Grove and North Washington streets.

Beginning at noon will be the "Hero Hustle 5K" run and walk taking place from Centre Square on a route through parts of Orwigsburg and beyond. Organized by the Orwigsburg Fire Department, the second annual Memorial Day run/walk brings back a tradition honoring the day from decades ago, benefiting the Friendship Hose Company #1 and honoring service personnel, police, and firefighters of our area.

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SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS

Sat., May 7 – Children's Fishing Rodeo at Fisher's Dam; starts 9 a.m.; children 15 and under. Date: T.B.D.

Sun., May 26 – All are invited to enjoy a free Patriotic Concert held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

Mon., May 27 – Memorial Day Parade/Service/BBQ; It's a "Decoration Day" tradition in Orwigsburg! Honor all fallen military service personnel, veterans, and those presently serving this country with the Memorial Day parade beginning at 8 a.m. followed by the service "on the square." Then enjoy a chicken barbeque dinner (eat in or take out) at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mon., May 27 – Orwigsburg Fire Dept. "Hero Hustle 5k" Run/Walk – Noon; runners will be seen on a town route beginning at Centre Square.

Thurs., August 8 – Square Time "Farm to Square" where wine, farmers and artists meet; 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Sun., August 25 – Free Block Party hosted by Salem United Methodist Church; 3 to 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 7 – Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session for discussions and setting of an agenda takes place on the First Wednesday; the Business Meeting is then held on the Second Wednesday.

OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Orwigsburg Borough offices will be closed on the following days in 2019 in observance of the stated holidays – New Year's Day, Jan. 1; Good Friday, April 19; Easter Monday, April 22; Memorial Day, May 27; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, September 2; Veterans' Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 and 29; Christmas eve and day, Dec. 24 and 25.

Memorial Day Events

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It's a full day of activities. Make Orwigsburg your place to celebrate Memorial Day with family, friends, and neighbors.

Your patriotism will be uplifted

Get in the spirit of Memorial Day by enjoying the annual Patriotic Concert held Sunday evening, May 26 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 215 N. Warren St. The event starts at 7 p.m. and will feature the Patriotic Festival Choir and Blue Mountain High School Chorale and Chamber Singers. It's free and open to the public ... a great way to start your Memorial Day holiday.

OFD Hero Hustle 5K Run/Walk

The Orwigsburg Fire Department will coordinate its second annual "Hero Hustle 5K" run and walk race in conjunction with the Borough's Memorial Day festivities on Monday, May 27.

Those wanting to participate in the run/walk should register online at PretzelCitySports.com. The event steps off at noon from Orwigsburg Centre Square and takes a circuitous route through parts of the community. The event honors all veterans of the U.S. Armed Services.

Proceeds support the activities of Friendship Hose Company and the Orwigsburg Fire Department.

New OBPA Board Members



OBPA BOARD MEMBERS sworn-in during the April Membership Mixer held at the Schuylkill Country Club are, from left, Christy Rebehn (Miners Bank), Amber Zanolini (M&T Bank), Steward Warner (Salem UM Church), Lisa Cutler (Realty Mark), and Liz Tuturice (Walk In Art Center).

SPREAD THE WORD

Interested in submitting an article for next quarter's issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*? We welcome community service and non-profit organization information. Please contact Kathi Mengle at 570-366-3103 or kmengle@orwigsburg.gov



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Proclamation from the Orwigsburg Mayor

Catching Up on the Big News of the Day

One of the challenges in developing an acceptable note to include in the *Orwigsburg Happenings* is that the submission deadline is about three weeks before the publication hits the streets. This precludes the possibility of significant events happening (and not mentioned) between me writing and you reading.

Such was the case with the last issue distributed very shortly after the announced resignation of our former borough manager, Robert Williams. Though this news drew ample coverage from the local media at the time, I find it presently appropriate to offer my comments to the community regarding the matter.

Mr. Williams brought a "Boy Scout" attitude with him when he came to Orwigsburg.

He was **TRUTHFUL** even when nobody wanted to hear the truth.



BARRY J. BERGER
Mayor

He was **RESOURCEFUL** in promptly and logically dealing with issues as they arose.

He was **FAIR** and **TRANSPARENT** in his actions.

He was thoroughly **DEDICATED** to doing his job at the very best level possible. His attitude regarding local government was that each and every one of our borough's officials and employees have a clear obligation to serve Orwigsburg with nothing but the community's best interests at the forefront of every action.

I thank him for his service and wish him all the best in his future pursuits. I hope the community concurs.

Police Dept. up to 24/7/365 coverage

The other event that fell into the gap was the selection and hiring of Officer Patrick McBreen as the sixth member of the Orwigsburg Police Department. Officer McBreen joins Chief Koury and officers Bayer, Bechtel, Noecker, and Lewis to provide our community with the security of 24/7/365 local coverage.

I believe this status level offers the best possible value to Orwigsburg. Full time officer coverage allows efficient scheduling, training, use of resources, and proper case management through the court system. All are well educated and properly motivated to keep our residents wellbeing as their primary goal. Their community based methods are evidenced by their presence and interaction with individuals and groups throughout the Borough.

On most occasions, they are the first responder, not only to law enforcement calls, but to medical or fire emergencies as well. They are always ready to help with residents' issues. Feel free to let an officer know about your concerns.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a variety of events that will take place over the coming months. One of the first is our annual observance of Memorial Day.

Although there will be ample opportunities to relax and kick off the summer season, please don't forget to honor those who served and those who sacrificed to guarantee our safety and our liberties. May God bless each of them and their families.

– Barry J. Berger, Mayor

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Message from the Council President

Spring Brings Street Repairs, New Borough Manager

Spring has sprung in the Borough! We've been very busy working to provide services to our residents.

With spring comes construction season! Residents have voiced the importance to make improvements to our infrastructure, especially to our streets.

At the April Borough Council meeting, we voted to make some repairs to a variety of borough streets and authorized our Streets Committee to come up with additional projects so that we can begin construction. Information on those projects will be highlighted in future articles.

This spring was particularly busy because Council found itself having to conduct a Borough Manager search after the departure of Bob Williams. We thank Bob for his great service to our community and knew the search to find his replacement would be difficult.

We received over 60 applications for the position



MICHELE RUDLOFF
Council President

from throughout PA and beyond. Additionally, the individuals who applied provided a variety of skills, all of which would be beneficial to the management of the Borough.

We had several candidates with extensive municipal management experience, which could not be overlooked. At our April meeting, Borough Council voted to hire Randall Miller of Berks County, pending the outcome of a background check and other items needing finalization.

Randy served in the U.S. Navy and has more than 15 years experience as administrators to both Caernarvon Township and Birdsboro Borough. He also is a former Boy Scout leader and is active in his community, even serving on his Mount Penn Borough's own Council.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, Randy will have been on the job for a couple of weeks. I'm hopeful all residents will make the effort to say hello and show Randy our Orwigsburg pride.

During our search for our next manager, we were lucky enough to have wonderful employees who kept the Borough operating as normal until we hired someone. A big thanks to all employees for their efforts, especially Dave Teter and Sherry Edwards who handled the administrative duties during this time.

- Michele Rudloff, Borough Council President



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What Is Recyclable and What Is Trash?

And, How Do I Get Rid of Prohibited Items?

Outlets for recycled materials – in particular, exports going to China – have issued stricter acceptance criteria a little more than a year ago, necessitating a sharper focus and education regarding the quality of materials we place in our recycling bins for collection here in Orwigsburg.



A 4-page insert included with last November's issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings* provided a handy chart of the various materials, their acceptance, and special preparation, if needed, determining what is recyclable and what should go in your regular trash for collection.

Thank you to all residents for your cooperation to improve the quality and preparation of our single-stream recycling materials. It's an important step to minimize cost impacts for the disposal of both trash destined for landfills and recycled materials for re-use.

Find out more at Orwigsburg.gov

For those new to the program or those with questions regarding it, the Borough's website *Orwigsburg.gov*

gov has the information. Choose the "Services" dropdown menu and select "Garbage-Recycling." The website also contains information on sharing or right-sizing your recycle bin from the three sizes available, getting your bin repaired, and detailed recyclables definitions.

Paper copies of the Recycling Chart insert are also available at the Borough Office, 209 N. Warren St.

How do I get rid of prohibited items?

A common dilemma faces all residents at one time or another. How do I dispose of an old television, computer or other electronic device? These items cannot be thrown in the trash and aren't acceptable with our curbside recycling collection.

How about worn out tires, an old refrigerator or freezer, air conditioner, scrap metal, remodeling debris, toxic chemicals, paints, furniture items, etc.?

The Borough website contains a link to the Schuylkill County website, Office of Solid Waste. There you will find sources that can take these items.

PPL Electric Services (your electric power delivery company) has a program to pick up your fridge, freezer, and air conditioner for free and actually issue you a money rebate.

Schuylkill County annually conducts a Fall Clean-up and Recycling event (usually in September) with numerous drop-off locations throughout the county for metals and bulky items. When scheduled, information on places, acceptance hours and dates will be posted on the Office of Solid Waste website and advertised in local newspapers.

Orwigsburg Borough's waste and recycling hauler, County Waste, will collect one large item (furniture typically) ... per month on the second Tuesday and the Friday after. Simply place the item to be picked up with your regular trash collection.

Yard waste (grass and hedge clippings, small branches, trimmed vegetation) will be picked up every week curbside by County Waste with your trash. Up to 10 bags of yard waste is allowed each time.

The Borough is working on further sources for reuse, recycling, and disposal of items prohibited from the single-stream recycling program and will post the information when scheduled.



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Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

Fishing Rodeo

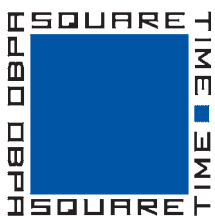
The 29th annual Orwigsburg Children's Fishing Rodeo is tentatively scheduled for a late May Saturday for children 15 years of age and younger, beginning at 9 a.m. at Fisher's Dam at the base of S. Washington St.

The exact date is yet to be announced. The dam will be stocked with fish and there will be prizes for tagged fish caught. Each child participating will receive a hot dog and drink.

The successful continuation of this rodeo relies on donations from community members and local businesses. For more information, email orwigsburgfish@yahoo.com and check the events Facebook page @ OrwigsburgChildrensFishingRodeo.



When is Square Time? Heritage Day?



Not sure when the next "Square Time" community event will be held? These events have been reduced to just one event this summer - Farm-to-Square on Thursday, August 8 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Organized by the Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association (OBPA), the event is billed as "where

wine, farmers, and families meet." Farm fresh food, delicious drinks, food trucks, kids' activities, and live music will be on and around Centre Square.

Mark your calendar for Orwigsburg Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 7. All the activities will be on Centre Square, North Warren St., and at the Orwigsburg Historical Society on E. Mifflin Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy food trucks, craft and food stands, vendors, face painting, a bounce house, Civil War reenactors, and horse-drawn carriage rides in the downtown.

Free Block Party celebrates end-of-summer

One other summertime community event that has become very popular is the end-of-summer Community Block Party, hosted by Salem UM Church, always held on the last Sunday in August ... this year it is on August 25 from 3 to 7 p.m. Church activities throughout the year raise the funds allowing this event to be completely free of charge - food, games, and live entertainment - for all to enjoy.

This is a true block party, closing a full block of West Independence St. (from S. Warren to S. Liberty) in front of Salem Church. In conjunction with the party in the street, the 5th annual OrWINGSburg chicken wing contest will be held in the church community room. Amateur and professional cooks will vie for Best of Orwigsburg chicken wing honors.

Postal workers collect food donations

The National Association of Letter Carriers, supported by the U.S. Postal Service, celebrate Stamp Out Hunger national food drive each year in May. It is the largest one-day food drive in the nation. This year the collection will be on Saturday, May 11.



The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry, operated from St. John's United Church of Christ at 232 E. Market St., benefits directly from the local efforts of your town's postal workers food drive.

Residents are asked to place non-perishable food donations in a plastic bag at your mailbox for your carrier to collect and deliver to the Food Pantry, helping those less fortunate than yourselves. It's as easy as that!

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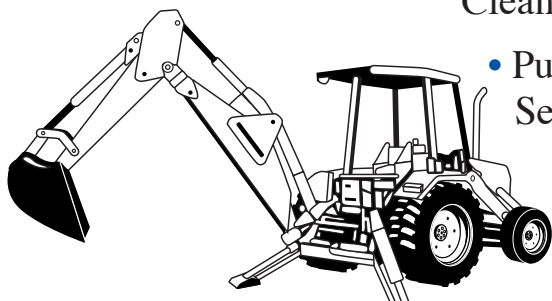
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Food supplies are very low and your help is needed and greatly appreciated. The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry is now on Facebook. If you miss this special day when the letter carriers commit their time and efforts, food donations can be dropped off at the church during regular working hours and on most Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m.

Financial donations are especially appreciated, thus allowing the Food Pantry to purchase those particular items, at reduced price locally, currently in short supply. Mail a check to Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry, P.O. Box 216, Orwigsburg, PA 17961.

Library 2019 Fund Drive

Watch your mailbox late May or early June! The annual fund drive envelopes asking support for the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library are being readied and will mail shortly. Please consider whatever amount of money you can afford to give in order to continue the wide range of programs and services provided by YOUR library.

The solicitation request identifies the need and a brief list of the many services provided to the community, as does a feature article found elsewhere in this newsletter. In addition to your monetary donation, consider volunteering your time to assist the library in its daily or weekly needs.



Youth football & cheer sign-ups

The Blue Mountain Tri-County Youth Football & Cheer will hold one more in-person registration session for fall season play. Youngsters in grades kindergarten through sixth grade wanting to play youth football or be cheerleaders can sign up on Tuesday, May 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Orwigsburg Ambulance Building on East Market St.



A parent or guardian needs to register the child. A registration fee and copy of birth certificate is required. More information and online registration is available at BlueMountainTriCountyFootball.com.

Team Orwigsburg

Team Orwigsburg, a local faith-based team, returned from its 13th mission trip last month. The team was organized more than 13 years ago when Pastor Tim Patterson was the pastor at Salem United Methodist Church.

This year, 19 team members worked in Pennsylvania's Bradford County where they installed a bridge pre-constructed in the Bartush Signs ware-

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house and then transported to Bradford County.

The bridge enables four families to safely cross the river to and from their homes. The previous bridge was washed away in last year's flooding, then requiring a long distance drive to get to where they were going.

The team also put a new roof on the home of a 64-year-old woman, updated the entire electrical system to bring it up to code, and did other inside carpentry, painting and cleaning in her home.

New members are always welcome and the team especially is hopeful for some younger volunteers to join the roofing "crew." The experienced roofers will gladly train volunteers. Team Orwigsburg meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Salem United Methodist church on S. Liberty St.

Please join us. For more information, call Susan McCartney 570-943-2103.

Borough holiday schedule

The Orwigsburg Borough office and employee services will be closed in observance of these upcoming holidays - Memorial Day, May 27; Independence Day, July 4; and Labor Day, Sept. 2.

Refuse/recycling collection

The Borough contracts with County Waste for the weekly refuse and biweekly recycling collection.

Curbside pickup is on Tuesday for properties on Market Street and north ... and on Friday for properties south of Market Street.

Keep Orwigsburg beautiful! Residents are asked to be considerate of the "streetscape" in front of their properties. Store your refuse and recycling containers to the rear or side of your building.

How do holidays affect trash/recycling?

County Waste, observes six major holidays - Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day - that may change the normal Tuesday/Friday collections.

Here are the simple Holiday Schedule Rules:



- If the holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, trash/recycling pickup will be delayed one day for every household ... Tuesday pickup will move to Wednesday; Friday pickup will move to Saturday.
- If the holiday falls on Wednesday thru Friday, the Tuesday pickup will not be affected; but, the Friday pickup will move to Saturday.
- If the holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday, the normal Tuesday and Friday pickups will not be affected.

Monday, May 27 - Because Memorial Day falls on a Monday, the usual Tuesday pickup will be delayed to Wednesday, May 29, and the usual Friday pickup will be delayed to Saturday, June 1.

Since July 4 - Independence Day - falls on Thursday this year, those with Tuesday collection will not be affected by the holiday. Normal Friday collection, however, will be delayed one day to Saturday, July 6.

Recycling electronics

Federal law prohibits landfill disposal of desktop computers, laptops, monitors and peripherals, and televisions. These electronics must be recycled. County Waste will not take these in normal refuse or recycling collection.

Large item disposal

One large item may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month.

Regular trash consists of up to six bags of garbage and up to ten bags of leaves.

Month	Tues.	Fri.
May	14	17
June	11	14
July	9	12
Aug.	13	16

LARGE ITEM PICKUP DATES

Curb your animal

The Borough Office has received numerous complaints of pet owners walking their dogs and failing to clean up after defecation on both public and private property. Property owners, also, are reminded to pick

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Call - PHILLIES GAMES.....	\$62/\$67
Call - Resorts (\$25 FSP)	\$57
Call - Wildwood, NJ Free Day	\$53
May 29 - The Everly Brothers Experience @ Caesars	\$78
June 1 - Marvel & Historical District of Philadelphia	*\$61
June 1 - Medieval Times	*\$85
June 5 - Ride the Rails in the Poconos	\$93
June 7 - Cape May Point & Dolphin Cruise	\$85
June 9 - Charlie Thomas Drifters @ AMT	\$88
June 20 - Laugh Out Loud @ Waterfront.....	\$83
June 20 - Queens of Country @ Hunterdon Hills	\$102
June 29 - Annie @ DADT	\$94

OVERNIGHTS

Call - Turning Stone Casino	Call
June 5-6 - Dover Downs Doo Wop	\$134 P/P DBL
June 19-21 - Flower Power	\$576 P/P DBL
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June 24-25 - Visit Ithaca	\$276 P/P DBL
July 2-5 - Boston POPS	\$769 P/P DBL
July 12-14 - Busch Gardens & Water Country USA.....	\$469 P/P DBL
July 14-20 - Branson, MO (The Ozarks Hidden Gems) ..	\$1,399 P/P DBL
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up the feces of their own pets from their property within a reasonable time.

Both are public health violations as stipulated in Borough Ordinance 299 and subject to a fine up to \$600 for each offense.

The Orwigsburg Police Department has been made aware of this growing problem by inconsiderate residents. Neighbors and property owners witnessing these violations are urged to call the police at 570-366-3101 and file a complaint.



Many residents take advantage of the parks and walking trail and are discouraged by the lack of consideration shown by some pet owners. Homeowners in the Borough who take great pride when maintaining their properties feel violated when having to clean feces left by a passing dog or roaming cat when their masters seem oblivious to the community responsibilities of pet ownership.

Now available - Credit/debit bill pay

As this newsletter is being published, the due date for quarterly utility bills is fast approaching. It is the

responsibility of all property owners to pay their bills in full by the due date printed on the invoice.

Providing our residents with a higher level of customer service, Orwigsburg Borough now accepts credit and debit card payments for water, sewer, and trash service. Customers can make payments online at www.orwigsburg.net or at the Borough Office with major credit and debit cards.

Customers may continue to pay by cash, check or money order at the Borough Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, checks may be mailed to Orwigsburg Borough, 209 North Warren Street, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, or deposited in the 24/7 drop-off box located at the front door to Borough Hall.

Questions concerning these payment options may be directed to kmengle@orwigsburg.gov or call 570-366-3103.

Dumpster? You need a permit

Any resident who rents a dumpster and places it on the street is required to fill out a dumpster permit prior to dumpster delivery. Permits are available at the borough office at a cost of \$20 and are valid for three weeks.



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In need of health aids?

Are you or a loved one in need of any of these items to aid in recovery from illness or surgery?

- Wheelchair
- Walker - stationary & folding
- Hospital bed - manual & electric
- Cane - single and multi-legged
- Crutches
- Shower seat
- Bedside commode/bedpan
- Over-toilet seat with handrails
- Temporary tub hand rail
- Recliner chair with auto-lift seat



The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan Program" provides these items to local residents at no charge as a community service. To arrange a loan, call Larry Dagna at 570-617-6149 or Walt Schimpf as a secondary contact at 570-366-0784 or call 570-449-0659 and leave a message.

Take care of your property

Property owners must keep all premises and exterior property free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches. All noxious weeds are prohibited.

Weeds are defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs. This regu-

lation, however, does not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

The property owner must also address weeds appearing between sidewalk blocks and between the curb and the street.

"SHUN" Property Maintenance



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Getting the word out

We use the Borough website *Orwigsburg.gov* as a valuable tool to keep residents and property owners informed about the happenings in the Borough. Our staff will keep the home page current with news on upcoming events and information on past events in the Borough.

The website lists borough meeting schedules. Minutes from these meetings are posted after they have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate body. The subdivision and zoning codes are also available for all to view. Numerous forms can be accessed, including applications for Albright's Woods usage. Trash day pickup changes will also be posted. Links to other websites, such as the Lions Club, library, churches and fire company are on the website.

The website also includes a link allowing residents to enter their contact information into the borough's Swiftreach 911 emergency notification system. This site allows the Borough to notify residents via telephone, text message and email of boil water advisories, weather emergencies or any other emergencies in a prompt manner.

Indoor and outdoor event rental spaces

Do you need an event space for an upcoming family reunion, holiday or birthday party, business meeting, or other gathering?

Outdoors, the pavilion at Albright's Woods on Grove Street is available for rent. The park has a pavilion with picnic tables and a kitchen available for use. Rental fee for the kitchen is \$75, \$25 of which is a returnable security deposit. If the kitchen is not



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needed, a \$25 fee is charged. Indoors, facilities at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall can be rented.

For further details and to lock in your reservation at either call the Borough Office at 570-366-3103.

Help with Lyme Disease treatment

Pennsylvania has ranked highest in the nation the past seven years for the number of confirmed cases of Lyme disease.

State Representative Jerry Knowles reports legislation he supports as a member of the House Health Committee - House Bill 629 - has recently passed the Pennsylvania House by a solid bipartisan 158-to-34 vote and now advances to the state Senate for consideration.



The legislation would require health insurers to cover treatment plans for Lyme disease or related tick-borne illnesses as prescribed by a patient's

health care practitioner. It would ensure that every patient, diagnosed with this epidemic and other related tick-borne diseases, has full access and insurance coverage for available and emerging diagnostics and

treatment options.

Lyme disease can be easily treated with antibiotics when caught and treated early. If untreated, the disease can cause joint swelling, cardiac or neurologic complications. The most severe cases can be debilitating.

For information about any state-related or legislative topic, contact either of Rep. Knowles' district offices in Tamaqua at 570-668-1240 or in Hamburg at 610-562-3411.

Call before you dig

Contractors, service companies, or do-it-yourself property owners must call 8-1-1 before disturbing the ground in and around their property. Planting a tree? Building a deck? Installing a fence or even as simple as a mailbox, plan your project in advance and call the alert number several days before starting any digging project.



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Orwigsburg Historical Society

Programs of Historic Proportion Slated Monthly

The Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) and Museum, 109 E. Mifflin St., is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, proclaiming its ongoing mission to preserve a legacy for our children.

The public is welcome to tour the facility and view its collection on Tuesday and Thursday each week from noon until 4 p.m. Arrangements for other times can be made by appointment. Contact the Society by calling 570-617-7809 or 570-366-8769 for more information regarding visits or services.



the Historical Society headquarters beginning at 7 p.m.

This program will focus on the history of doing laundry throughout America. Machines, soaps, tools, and "theories" will all be a part of this very informative program with many interesting and unique artifacts displayed and interpreted.

Public invited to these society programs

Visitors are always welcome to bring photos and items for sharing at historical society programs. In celebration of its 25th anniversary, the Society will host a special program each month from May through October. All society programs are free and open to the public.

- It's Wash Day - The public is invited to the next program spotlighting the every day life of people generations ago in Orwigsburg and just about every small town community across America. "It's Wash Day" will be presented by Bob and Sue Lee on Thursday, May 16 in the Community Room at

- Natural Medicine Walk-and-Talk - Orwigsburg pharmacist Ted Spontak will present this eye-opening program at Albrights Woods on Thursday, June 13 beginning at 7 p.m. According to Spontak, "Nature is the master craftsman for remedies and cures." Ted will lead attendees on a show-and-tell walk along Albrights' trails pointing out natural remedies in our local woodlands.

- Songs and Stories of the American Revolution - Matthew Dodd presents this enjoyable & historical evening at the Society headquarters on Thursday, July 18, taking attendees on a "journey" through the Revolutionary War period of our nation with music and stories.



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- Tales from a One-Room Schoolhouse - Local historian, Jim Bohrman, provides a tour of the Gerber/B o h r m a n Schoolhouse, located in what was known as the Village of Bohrman's Mill in North Manheim Township and to the northeast of the Blue Mountain High School football stadium. Tour the newly restored "Gerber One-Room School" and be enlightened by the group discussion. This program will be held Thursday, August 15 beginning at 7 p.m.
- George Steahlin, Orwigsburg Civil War Adjutant - This program will be presented by Civil War authority, Schuylkill County historian, and Orwigsburg resident J. Stuart Richards on Thurs., Sept. 19 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Society headquarters.
- PA Hauntings for Halloween - Berks County author, Charles J. Adams III, will present this timely program at the Society headquarters on Thurs., Oct. 17 beginning at 7 p.m. A book signing will follow the program.

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News Submittals

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Orwigsburg Lions Club – We Serve!

Memorial Day Chicken Barbeque

Make plans now to join family, friends and neighbors at the annual Memorial Day Chicken Barbeque.

Hosted by the Orwigsburg Lions Club, it will be held in the Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall on Grove Street on Monday, May 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The chicken is grilled right on the spot ... a spectacle in and of itself. Each dinner includes a generous portion of delicious, freshly barbequed chicken, a baked potato, corn, coleslaw, a cold drink, and ice cream.

Tickets are \$9 each when purchased in advance through any Orwigsburg Lions Club member or at Healthy Habits Natural Market on Rt. 61. Dinners purchased the day of the event at the Veterans Memorial Hall on Memorial Day will cost \$10 each.

Everyone is invited to dine-in and see the beautifully renovated building or take-out is available. Don't wait too long to purchase your tickets – last year was a sell-out! All proceeds raised are used to fund Lions Club community improvement projects and assist those in need in Orwigsburg.

Litter business is "picking up"

The annual SKIP (Schuylkill Keep It Pretty) Spring Cleanup recently took place across the county. SKIP's

goal is to clean up the litter and educate our youth on solid waste management, making Schuylkill County a better place in which to live and work.

Participating in this event, as they do every year, was a group of dedicated Orwigsburg Lions cleaning litter along the main route through town, from Schaeffer's Harley-Davidson to The Freeze, on Saturday, April 27. The Lions take pride in our great town of Orwigsburg and do their part to keep it looking beautiful.



Be part of something special

Want to make an impact on your community? Join the Lions Club!

The Orwigsburg Lions Club has been proudly serving this community since 1935. According to current Lions President Gretchen Sterns, "Our club gives members an opportunity to advance worthy causes, serve with friends, and become leaders in the community. This club means a lot to our Lions, but it means so much more to the people we serve."

If you are interested in attending an upcoming meeting to learn more about this organization, please email Gretchen Sterns at gsterns@gmail.com. It's a great opportunity to get involved, meet new people, and have a lot of fun!

The Lions regularly meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.



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State Senator David G. Argall

River Improvements Great; Still More to Do!

While floating down some of the most scenic bends of the Schuylkill River or walking my dogs along one of the picturesque river trails, I marvel at how incredibly far we have come in protecting and preserving one of our region's most incredible natural resources.



As little as a generation ago, the picture was much different.

When my wife and I attended Pine Street School in Tamaqua in decades past, we were not allowed to retrieve a ball if it was kicked into the Little Schuylkill River due to the presence of raw sewage, acid mine drainage and other pollutants that turned the entire waterway into a foul mess.

Today, you can see people fishing in that same spot we were forbidden from approaching during my youth. In years past, the worms would have jumped off the hook before they risked landing in that dangerous of an environment. Fish couldn't have survived in those waters for long, and even if you did accidentally catch something from that fishing hole, no sane person would ever think of eating it.

The transformation of that disgusting flow of toxic sludge into the beautiful resource the people of



**Senator
David Argall**

Orwigsburg enjoy today is entirely the result of hard work and concerted effort from volunteers and advocates who shared a vision of a brighter future.

The very first proposal I sponsored in the General Assembly that became law was an amendment to the Scenic River Act to add an additional portion of the Schuylkill River and two of its tributaries.

In the following years, volunteers and elected officials worked together in a bipartisan manner to create the PENNVEST funding program to stop massive amounts of raw sewage from entering our waterways, and to pass the Growing Greener program - the largest single investment of state funds in Pennsylvania's history to address conservation concerns in our rivers and our abandoned mine lands.

At the dedication of an acid mine treatment site near Tamaqua a few years ago, I asked an old newspaper reporter who knew my grandfather Argall since the 1920s what my Pop would have said if I told him we'd someday have fish living in the region's once-terribly polluted creeks and rivers.

His reply? "Your Pop would have thought you'd had way too much to drink." A classic Schuylkill County response!

I was recently humbled to receive the 2019 Political Leader Award from the Schuylkill River Greenways National Heritage Area. I was joined that night by Schuylkill County's Bill Reichert, who also won an award recognizing all of his hard work over the years that made this transformation possible.

That evening, I reminded the audience of both the amazing progress that I have seen in the last 50 years and the sad news that there are still school students in our area who can't enjoy the Schuylkill River near their homes due to pollution, unfinished trails and other obstacles.

From McAdoo and Minersville to the streets of Philadelphia, one thing is very clear: We still have much work ahead!



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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

Embrace the Changes; Move in a Positive Direction

April showers bring May flowers, so the children's rhyme goes. May flowers bring a bright and colorful change ... and perhaps some sneezing and itchy eyes, too.

This change of the season is one most look forward to as the trees begin to bud and blossom, the air begins to warm and the winter doldrums are kicked to the curb.

Change is a part of all our lives, be it at a professional level, personal or family level, or one dictated by mother nature. Regardless whether we disagree, choose to accept or are impartial, we must all continue our paths and aim to move on.

And in that vein, the Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Taskforce in February bid a sad but fond goodbye to former Borough Manager Robert Williams, an advocate for veterans of our community and strong supporter of the restoration efforts of this task force and our beloved Veterans Community Memorial Hall.

Bob was most definitely a change for the Borough, addressing sensitive topics head on and improving the community in which we choose to live. We'll miss Bob and his unwavering support. But, as with any change, we will continue to move forward toward the finish line. Thank you, Bob, for all your efforts and we wish you the best in the future.



HONORING THE BOROUGH MANAGER – Members of the Veterans Memorial Taskforce honored Robert Williams, a proud veteran and former Orwigsburg Borough Manager, with a framed print of the original Memorial Building.

large construction tasks while the building is in full use this spring. But, we look forward to unveil the next exciting steps toward project completion – the Veterans Foyer entrance to the building and the veterans services office space – both made possible by the community's donations and support. A \$750,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant was awarded to the Borough last fall and will be executed in this construction.

Security and responsible use

And finally, closing on the topic of change, we continue to invest in and discuss building security as well as the responsibilities of those having access and use of the facility.

In previous years, the building was in disarray. There was little focus on security and concerns for the building's future. Now, as we continue to near the finish line of upgrades, we need to be committed to the upkeep and longevity so future generations can enjoy its purpose.

Renters will notice stricter policies regarding rental agreements, security deposits and even some rate increases. These changes are not intended to curb use, but rather keep the building pristine and desirable to encourage future use.

If you happen to be at an event and see damage taking place, please report this to the Borough or the task force. Having a self-sustaining, state of the art, multi-purpose building in our community is a real blessing. With that blessing comes the responsibility for us to do our diligence to preserve and protect it for many years to come.

As we hang up the snow shovels and mittens, and embrace the change of the season with shorts, yard games and iced tea, let's equally embrace the change of the community and its offerings.

Welcome new neighbors that may become friends. Welcome new staff that will lead us into the future. And, welcome new changes that will provide us years of community enjoyment to come.

– Nick Bagdonis, Taskforce Director



New email address

The Veterans Memorial Task Force has a new email address to coincide with the Borough's recent change to a ".gov" identification for reporting and information. The new email address for all Memorial related correspondence is: memorial@orwigsburg.gov.

This email address should be used for general inquiries and honor roll information submittals. For those needs that are urgent or related to rental, please contact the Borough Office at 570-366-3103.

Veterans Foyer coming next

Continuing with the theme of change ... construction changes aplenty will be the watchword in the coming months at Memorial Hall.

The task force and contractors have delayed any

Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library

Having Fun Isn't Hard ... With A Library Card!

Your Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library is busier than ever, continuing to grow with a whole host of opportunities, services, and programming that go far beyond simply having a collection of books. Your library is a tremendous community resource satisfying the needs and interests of patrons of all ages.

All are invited to stop in to see the beautiful and spacious new library location at 216 W. Independence St. on the first floor of the Independence Square senior living apartment building. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To find out more, visit the website OrwigsburgLibrary.org, find it on Facebook, or call 570-366-1638.

Summer reading program and activities

Summer is right around the corner!

Get your youngster signed up to enjoy "A Universe of Stories," the theme of the library's Summer Reading program. Two age groups - preschoolers and elementary students - will explore that "universe" on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. beginning June 18 and continuing through August 6.

Other special get-togethers this summer feature specific learning opportunities. These include:

- May Family Programming - Travel around the World with Maurice (based on the book series,



Maurice's Valises) each Thursday in May at 6 p.m. featuring stories, crafts, and projects.

- Weird and Wacky Science Nights - Featured on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Hawk Mountain naturalists visit the Library with wildlife on June 19. A week later on June 26 will be Take-Apart-Day when youngsters will get to take apart small appliances (bring screwdrivers and a pliers). CDE Exotics will present a reptile show on July 17; Scribble Bot, for ages eight and up, will be on July 24; and Dirty H2O is the focus on August 7.
- Monday Math - Keep math skills sharp over the summer with hands-on activities. Specifically for elementary age youngsters, this group will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. for four consecutive Mondays in July, beginning July 8.
- Other Science Programs - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs will be featured on the five Mondays in June. Programs identified thus far feature Dr. Gallis and his science mastery (and gadgets) on June 10.
- Children's Card and Game Nights - Held the fourth Thursday of the month - June 27, July 25 and August 22. Each week a new game will be introduced and taught.
- Saturday Art Class - Signups are required due to limited seating. These art classes, held on the



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third Saturday each month from 1 to 3 p.m., will focus on a different medium and age group each month.

- Andrew's BIG SHOW - Back by popular demand, Andrew will be back to entertain the masses on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 5:30 p.m. The crowd was so big last time that this year's program will be at the Schuylkill Masonic Lodge community room.

Something to interest everyone

Your Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library is a gathering place for those with similar interests to meet and share those joys - Story Time, Book Club, Knitter's Club, Mahjongg, Lego builders, Media Madness discussions, and much more.

View all that is offered at various times of the month by exploring the library's website or just stop in. Do you have an interest you would like to share with others? Come in and discuss it with Library Director Claudia Gross.

Don't have access to a computer? You do now ... computers with Internet access are available free of charge at your library. The library is also a Wi-Fi wireless access spot for those who want to bring their own tablet or laptop.

Adults needing one-on-one help to learn more about their computer can get it at the Orwigsburg Library. Call for information and to schedule an appointment.

Children's Garden Takes Shape



GARDEN CLUB PROJECT - South Schuylkill Garden Club members are creating a Children's Garden at the Walborn Street Playground. Moving soil is Jane Kruse, a garden club member and Penn State Schuylkill Master Gardener. Borough employees provided some muscle and ingenuity to frame the garden.

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Orwigsburg Police Department

Patrick McBreen Is Borough's Newest Officer

Following an extensive hiring process, the Orwigsburg Police Department is proud to welcome its newest full time officer, Patrick McBreen. Mayor Barry Berger conducted the swearing-in ceremony at the February 13 Borough Council meeting as Patrick's father held the Bible.

Officer McBreen is a native of Schuylkill Haven and comes to us from the Northern York County Regional Police Department where he worked for four years. He is a 2013 graduate of Dickinson College with a bachelor's degree in Law and Policy and a 2015 graduate of the Reading Police Academy.

He has specialized training in Advanced Roadside Impairment Detection Enforcement (ARIDE), allowing an officer to better recognize signs of drug impairment in drivers. He also has training in multiple types of speed detection. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, watching sports, and listening to country music.

With the addition of the department's sixth full time officer, the police are now more self-sufficient with regards to officer safety. Some incidents require officer backup filled by Schuylkill Haven Borough or by Penn State Schuylkill police officers.

As you can imagine, it takes many precious minutes for one of their officers to assist with an Orwigsburg Borough incident. Officer McBreen's hiring allows for two officers to be on duty locally at



certain times. Having an additional officer in town, backup can now be seconds away.

The staff increase allows for more focus on traffic and speed enforcement and more frequent patrols throughout town.

If you see Officer McBreen at any of the events happening throughout the summer here in town, please don't hesitate to say hello. And, if you see Officer McBreen out on the street, please give him your license, registration, and proof of insurance!

- Officer Robert Bechtel, Orwigsburg Police

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Zion's Red Church

"A country church, located in the heart of southern Schuylkill County." This is Zion's Red Church, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Church of Christ, 1287 Centre Turnpike (Rt. 61 at Brick Hill Road). Worship services are held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Ken Melber, Jr. as pastor.



Easter Sunday has come and gone, but we continue to celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection and the promise of our resurrection, not just on Easter Sunday, but throughout the spring and summer each Sunday!

Each Tuesday now through July from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Pastor Ken will lead a Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome with-

out prior notice. Please feel free to just show up! You need not bring anything except yourself and perhaps a friend.

The Joyful Ringers Bell and Chime Choir from St. John's UCC of Schuylkill Haven will join us for worship at Zion's on Sunday, May 19. Come early for preludes and special music throughout the service.

The church's annual White Elephant and Bake Sale will be held, rain or shine, at the church on Sat., June 15 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plenty of gently used household items, seasonal decorations, books, children's items and more will fill our grounds. Raffle baskets filled with a wide variety of goodies will be offered. Hot food items, including barbeque, hot dogs, pierogies, drinks, snacks, and delicious baked goods will be available for purchase.

Whoever you are ... wherever you are on life's journey ... you are welcome at Zion's Red Church! Contact the church office at 570-366-1178 for any information about Sunday services, Bible study, or other events. Our website ZionsRedChurch.com and Facebook page are also good sources of information. Come visit us!

Salem UMC

Salem United Methodist Church, where Liberty and Independence meet, offers three unique worship services each Sunday - a traditional worship at 8:45 a.m., a contemporary worship at 10:45 a.m., and the SNL Coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School for all ages is held at 10 a.m. with a paid nursery attendant on staff from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome at all our worship times and community events.

SNL is Salem's open door, coffeehouse-style worship experience, held Sunday evenings in Sandherr Hall. In a small group setting, the good news of Christ is shared through messages, discussions and Christian films. Meal and a Movie Night is planned each month when SNL begins at 6 p.m. Upcoming dates are June 2, June 30, July 21, and August 18.

Lay Leader Brenda Binns offers "Eat, Pray and Color" every Wednesday at 2 p.m. at The Cake Pros in Schuylkill Haven. The supplies and coffee are all free.

Treat Mom to a morning of breakfast and bells at Salem Church on Mothers Day, May 12. Our team of bell ringers, The God Squad, will be featured at both morning services. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served at 10 a.m. between the worship services.

Special events featured in July include the annual Christmas in July Sale on Sat. July 6 from 8 a.m. to noon. This is a "re-gifting" sale of new or never used

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- Communion First Sundays

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goods, handmade items and more for whatever price the buyer wishes to pay. All funds support the free end-of-summer community Block Party. The sale takes place on the porch of the Church Office located across the street from the church.



The annual Worship in the Woods (Albrights Woods) takes place on Sunday, July 14 beginning at 10:30 a.m. and followed by a picnic lunch. All are welcome to this outdoor worship in a beautiful wooded setting.

"Go to Mars and Beyond" is the Vacation Bible School program theme during the week of July 15-19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each evening with dinner offered at 6 p.m. All children, ages three through just completed fifth grade, of the community and beyond are welcomed. Additional information, registration and offers to assist should call the church office at 570-366-0201 or email Office@SalemUM.com or register online at SalemUM.com.

Mark your calendar! The summer would not be complete before all of Orwigsburg and beyond attend

Salem's annual Free Block Party and 5th annual OrWINGSburg Chicken Wing Contest on Sun., August 25. The Block Party is a celebration of summer, featuring music, food, and lots of fun. It all takes place from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. outside on the street and it is all FREE.

The area's great amateur and professional cooks can enter your best wings samples for a chance to be the Best in Orwigsburg! Information to register on our webpage and on posters will be seen throughout town soon.

Our Mission at Salem Church is TLC - Transforming Lives through Christ. We share Christ's love. We serve others through Christ. We worship, glorify and praise God. We nurture people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. If you are searching and seeking, we welcome you to visit us and learn how your life can be transformed through Christ.

Kimmels Church

People are talking ... summer is just around the corner!

That means many people are looking forward to the change of pace that summer brings. Whether you have big plans far away, or not-so-big plans close by, why not consider joining us this summer? We would love to have you, your family and friends swing on by and be our guests for the day!



At Kimmels Church, you will find a group of people who will accept you for who you are and welcome you with open arms. Join us for Sunday school at 9 a.m. and our morning worship service at 10. Our service is a blend of traditional and contemporary music led by our live band.

The message is always, as many have told us, "Just what I needed to hear!" We are not interested in telling people what they want to hear, but what God has to say through the Bible. The Bible is God's main way he communicates with us. Why wouldn't we teach what it says, and why wouldn't you want to learn from it? Our current sermon series is called "God Is On The Move," a study of God's righteousness through the book of Romans.

For parents with children under two, our nursery opens at 8:50 through the end of the worship service. Feel free to drop off your youngsters when you arrive or choose to keep them with you. At Kimmels, children are never a bother to us, and we love to see families worship together!

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TO MARS AND BEYOND VBS WEEK

July 15-19 - 6 p.m. Supper to 8:30 p.m.

END OF SUMMER FREE BLOCK PARTY

August 25 - 3 to 7 p.m.

OrWINGSburg Cook-Off with Celebrity Judges

August 25 at the Block Party

Bible Study Opportunities - See Church Web Page

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Following the singing portion of the worship service, we dismiss children, two years to 5th grade, to a special class just for them. If you prefer to keep them with you, we encourage it because there is no better place for youngsters and teens to learn than with their parents.

To get a feel for what a service is like, we invite you to check out our website. Click on the sermons tab and view one of our hundreds of services we have posted for you. But, nothing compares to physically being with us and interacting, not only with wonderful people, but our great God. Please join us this summer and grow with us.

The first Sunday of each month, a potluck meal follows the morning service. The church provides the drinks, but we ask each family to bring a food dish and/or dessert to share.

Summer is a time for one of our favorite events ... Vacation Bible School! Our VBS this year will be July 22-26, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Children from Orwigsburg and beyond, ages four to those entering 6th grade, are encouraged to experience this exciting week of music, games, crafts and learning. This year's theme is "The Incredible Race!" Children will race from continent to continent to discover that, no matter where we live, what shade of skin we have, or what language we speak, we are all part of the same race - the human race - and all part of the same family from Adam and Eve.

Youngsters will learn that God is calling people from every tribe and nation through his Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. And that he wants us to share this good news in kindness and love with our neighbors nearby and far away. Join The Incredible Race and experience God's love!

The Lighthouse Church

The Lighthouse Church (TLC), located along Rt. 61 at 10 Hollenbush Lane just south of Orwigsburg, is gearing up for a change of season and some warmer weather.

People of every generation and background are invited to join us. The regular Sunday service begins at 9 a.m. There is contemporary worship, a children's program and a time for fellowship afterwards. Pastor

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Time: 9:30-3:00 Cost: \$35

Camp is for children who have completed K through 6th grade.

June 24-28 Tamaqua

Lewistown Valley (near Heisler's Dairy)

July 8-12 Valley View

Valley View Park

July 15-19 Pine Grove

*Manbeck's E. C. Church, Rock
(Transportation available)*

July 22-26 Auburn

Christmas Pines Campground

July 29-Aug. 2 Minersville

(Primrose Bible Church~ just west of Minersville)

Our goal is to give every child in the area, no matter their location or situation, the opportunity to hear about Jesus through a memorable week of camp.

Contact: CEF of Schuylkill County

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Registration form~ www.cefschuylkill.com

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SUNDAY, JUNE 9th
Pentecost Sunday / Holy Communion

SATURDAY, JUNE 15th (*rain or shine*)
Annual White Elephant/Bake Sale - 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 4th - Summer Communion

See our article for more details!

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Bryan Kenville is currently preaching a series called "The Message of the Cross."

Wednesday evenings offer classes for children and women. The Women's Bible study through the end of May focuses on "Psalms 23" by Jennifer Rothschild. The children's program is Off the Rails at Beginagain Theme Park and is loaded with fun activities, music and snacks.

June will bring summer activities including a picnic and other outdoor activities. Lighthouse Church will host a Garage Sale on June 15. Our Summer Bash kids' carnival with fun activities for the entire family takes place beginning Wednesday, July 10 through Friday, July 12.

All are welcome and invited to join TLC as we are Turning hearts to God, Loving each other and Caring for our world. Additional information can be found online at TheLighthouseChurch.com or by calling the office at 570-366-1300.

St. John's UCC

St. John's United Church of Christ, at 232 E. Market St., and Rev. Dr. Jan Remer-Osborn, pastor, welcome everyone. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are invited to join us in our worship, Bible studies, health-related groups, and all other church events.

Pastor Jan and St. John's offer spirit filled wor-



ship for contemporary souls. Sunday worship service is at 10 a.m. Sunday school, for children in kindergarten through 6th grade, is held during the worship service, after the children's sermon and blessing.

The Chancel Choir sings most Sundays and the children's choir performs on special occasions. Coffee hour is enjoyed following the service. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month and the Lord's table is open to anyone who is seeking Jesus. Children may take communion with the permission of their parents.

Pastor Jan welcomes new and familiar faces every Wednesday for coffee chats at both 419 Market Café & Eatery from 10 a.m. to noon, and the Market Street Coffee House, 118 West Market, from noon to 1 p.m.

All are welcome to attend Bible study, "Romans on the Back Porch," to be held Mondays at 2 p.m. this summer, July 22 through August 12 at the parsonage. Light refreshments will be served. For more information and to RSVP, call the church office at 570-366-2255 or Pastor Jan at 630-254-9236.

Don't miss our Sat., May 18 Yard and Bake Sale beginning at 9 a.m., but get there early for the best choices. Members of St. John's will participate in Orwigsburg's Memorial Day Parade for the second year and encourage community marchers to join in.

St. John's hosts many community group meetings and its Health Ministry brings in programs and groups that are open to the general community. The Fellowship Hall is available to rent for private parties (no alcohol) during the year. For additional information, call the church office or find us on Facebook.

The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry is housed at St. John's, but is supported by eight area churches. Non-perishables or monetary donations are always needed. The number to call for the Pantry is 570-366-2255 with the call routed through the church office. Volunteers are welcome! Distribution is made the third Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 215 North Warren St., welcomes all to worship and to be part of the church family.

Our new pastor, Mike Petresky, began his ministry at St. Paul's on the first of this year. The church office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and other times by appointment. For more information and church activities, contact us at 570-366-2316, online at StPauls-orwigsburg.org or Facebook page @StPaulsOrwigsburg.

Worship services are held each Sunday at 8



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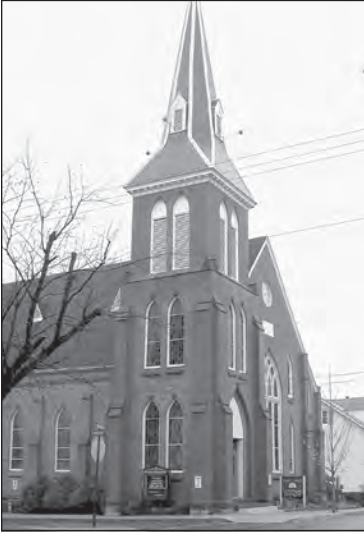
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Father's Day Service, June 16 - 10:00 am

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and 10:30 a.m. and a Saturday service beginning at 5:30 p.m. Summer worship is in place from June 2 through September 1 of Labor Day weekend with services on Saturday, but only one service on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

The public is encouraged to attend a Patriotic Concert, featuring the Festival Choir and Blue Mt. High School Chorale and Chamber Singers, with a Memorial Day week-

end observance, Sunday evening, May 26 beginning at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the entire community.

Faith Church

It is an exciting time of year at Faith Church with many things happening. Faith live streams its Sunday celebration service over the internet. Simply go to our website atfaithchurch.com and follow the prompts to view the service.



At Faith, our mission statement is clear ... Loving God, Loving People and Serving the Community. Some 40 ministries fulfill that mission with many opportunities for those involved to share.

Our Veterans Committee reaches out to recognize veterans in our area who are suffering or in need and want to recognize families who have lost loved ones in service to our country.

July will mark Faith's 20 year anniversary with a Celebration Service to remember the many exciting things over that time. The Hope Initiative ministry helping those affected by addiction and related issues will mark its fifth year this August.

Faith Church is a non-judgment zone. You are always welcome, loved and encouraged here at Faith. Our purpose is to show you the love of God and His willingness to help you have hope in this sometimes seemingly hopeless world.



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